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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, LE, US
SUBJECT: RUMORS OF ISRAELI ATTACK

1. DURING CHARGE'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AUG 30, BOUTROS SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT ISRAELIS WERE PLANNING AN ATTACK AGAINST SOME ARAB COUNTRY "WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS." HE SAID DANY CHAMOUN HAD CALLED ON HIM THAT MORNING TO WARN THAT ATTACK WOULD BE AGAINST SOUTH LEBANON, BUT BOUTROS SAID THIS WAS "ABOUT THE ONE THOUSANDTH TIME" THAT DANY HAD PREDICTED SUCH AN ATTACK AND HE STRONGLY DOUBTED IT. OTHER ARAB DIPLOMATS, HOWEVER, HAD ALSO TOLD HIM THAT AN ATTACK WAS COMING BUT DID NOT KNOW WHERE. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. CHARGE REPLIED HE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN ATTACK AND WE AGREED THAT NEITHER OF US COULD THINK OF ANY REASON WHY THE ISRAELIS SHOULD WANT TO MAKE SUCH A MOVE NOW.
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